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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 1033

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SUBJECT: RUMOR OF REBELLION IN MOZAMBIQUE

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1. REFTEL SOURCE REPORTED "REBELLION" IN BOANE MORNING SEPTEMBER 10 AT WHICH PRESIDENT MACHEL ALLEGEDLY SHOT. SIMILAR RUMOR APPARENTLY SURFACED IN SOUTH AFRICA SINCE EMBASSY RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL ABOUT NOON TODAY FROM ARGUS REPORTER ASKING IF REPORT WAS TRUE.

2. AS BEST EMBASSY CAN DETERMINE, THERE ABSOLUTELY NO TRUTH TO REFTEL REPORT. PRESIDENT MACHEL WAS SEEN THIS MORNING IN MAPUTO MAKING CONDOLENCE CALL ON PRC AMBASSADOR, WHILE EARLY THIS AFTERNOON HE TOURED MAPUTO TRADE FAIR.

3. REFTEL REPORT SOUNDS TO US LIKE GARBLED AMALGAM
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OF TWO SEPARATE RUMORS: AN ALLEGED UPRISING BY

TROOPS AT MILITARY TRAINING CAMP AT BOANE ON AUGUST 27, WHICH WE REPORTED IN MAPUTO 0988, AND A RUMOR CURRENT IN MAPUTO THIS WEEK THAT DURING A MACHEL VISIT TO BOANE ON SEPTEMBER 3 HIS VEHICLE WAS FIRED ON BY PERSONS UNKNOWN. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM EITHER RUMOR BUT HAVE HEARD A NUMBER OF VERSIONS OF AUGUST 27 INCIDENT AT BOANE WHICH SUGGEST THAT THERE MAY HAVE BEEN SOME SORT OF BRIEF DISTURBANCE AMONG THE TROOPS.
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